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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED FOR JUNE 2, 2007 ARSON**

**Baltimore**, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Master Giddins, age 19, of Baltimore, Maryland, today to five years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release for arson in connection with June 2, 2007 burning of Ronnie Bundy's residence, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein and Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy.

According to the plea agreement, on June 1, 2007, Marcus Crandell, age 22, of Baltimore, got into a fight with Ronnie Bundy. Mr. Bundy left the area and returned a short while later and robbed Crandell at gun point, taking his cell phone and cash, and making him take off his shoes, which he threw onto a roof where Crandell could not retrieve them.

In response, Crandell purchased a bottle of isopropyl alcohol, stole a can of gasoline from the back of a work truck parked in the neighborhood and devised a molotov cocktail. Early on June 2, 2007, Crandell threw a brick through the window of Mr. Bundy's second floor apartment, ignited the wick of the molotov cocktail and threw the device through the shattered window. When Mr. Bundy attempted to exit his apartment, Crandell threw gasoline on him and tried to ignite a fire, but Mr. Bundy shut the door. Mr. Bundy removed his gasoline soaked clothing and left the area. A few hours later, Crandell and others kicked in the door of Mr. Bundy's apartment, splashed gasoline around the apartment and ignited it, causing serious damage to the property and forcing those who were living in the first floor apartment to evacuate the building.

As part of the arson investigation, investigators recovered a videotape of gasoline purchases around the time of the incident from a gas station at 28<sup>th</sup> and Sisson Streets, approximately two blocks from Bundy's residence. The tape clearly shows Giddins purchasing \$2.00 worth of gasoline and placing that gasoline in a gas can at 2:27 a.m. on June 2, 2007. Giddins admitted that he purchased the gasoline for Crandell.

Crandell was sentenced to 30 years in prison on May 1, 2008.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein and Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein and Ms. Jessamy commended Assistant United States Attorney A. David Copperthite, who prosecuted the federal case, and Assistant State's Attorney Lisa Goldberg, who is prosecuting related state cases.